

The NPRM 02-230 rules would make a felony of the simple reception of broadcast television and radio. These are not felonies now and by the very nature of broadcast are freely available for viewing or hearing. The simple fact that I use a free piece of software to listen to these broadcasts rather than paying a license fee to some third party for them to provide functionality that already exists in a free market at no cost should not make me a felon. Copyright infringement is already a crime. Therefore there is no reason to make other, non-criminal, moral viewing/listening to a broadcast a felony with the Broadcast Flag Mandate. Please do not do this.

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